

House Calendar No. 61

108TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. RES. 269

[Report No. 108–148]

Providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 1115) to amend the procedures that apply to consideration of interstate class actions to assure fairer outcomes for class members and defendants, to outlaw certain practices that provide inadequate settlements for class members, to assure that attorneys do not receive a disproportionate amount of settlements at the expense of class members, to provide for clearer and simpler information in class action settlement notices, to assure prompt consideration of interstate class actions, to amend title 28, United States Code, to allow the application of the principles of Federal diversity jurisdiction to interstate class actions, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 11, 2003

Ms. PRYCE, from the Committee on Rules, reported the following resolution; which was referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed

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1 *Resolved*, That at any time after the adoption of this
 2 resolution the Speaker may, pursuant to clause 2(b) of
 3 rule XVIII, declare the House resolved into the Committee
 4 of the Whole House on the state of the Union for consider-
 5 ation of the bill (H.R. 1115) to amend the procedures that
 6 apply to consideration of interstate class actions to assure
 7 fairer outcomes for class members and defendants, to out-
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 10 a disproportionate amount of settlements at the expense
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 12 mation in class action settlement notices, to assure prompt
 13 consideration of interstate class actions, to amend title 28,
 14 United States Code, to allow the application of the prin-
 15 ciples of Federal diversity jurisdiction to interstate class
 16 actions, and for other purposes. The first reading of the
 17 bill shall be dispensed with. General debate shall be con-
 18 fined to the bill and shall not exceed one hour equally di-
 19 vided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minor-
 20 ity member of the Committee on the Judiciary. After gen-

1 eral debate the bill shall be considered for amendment
2 under the five-minute rule. It shall be in order to consider
3 as an original bill for the purpose of amendment under
4 the five-minute rule the amendment in the nature of a sub-
5 stitute recommended by the Committee on the Judiciary
6 now printed in the bill. The committee amendment in the
7 nature of a substitute shall be considered as read. All
8 points of order against the committee amendment in the
9 nature of a substitute are waived. No amendment to the
10 committee amendment in the nature of a substitute shall
11 be in order except those printed in the report of the Com-
12 mittee on Rules accompanying this resolution. Each
13 amendment may be offered only in the order printed in
14 the report, may be offered only by a Member designated
15 in the report, shall be considered as read, shall be debat-
16 able for the time specified in the report equally divided
17 and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, shall
18 not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to
19 a demand for division of the question in the House or in
20 the Committee of the Whole. All points of order against
21 such amendments are waived. At the conclusion of consid-
22 eration of the bill for amendment the Committee shall rise
23 and report the bill to the House with such amendments
24 as may have been adopted. Any Member may demand a
25 separate vote in the House on any amendment adopted

1 in the Committee of the Whole to the bill or to the com-
2 mittee amendment in the nature of a substitute. The pre-
3 vious question shall be considered as ordered on the bill
4 and amendments thereto to final passage without inter-
5 vening motion except one motion to recommit with or
6 without instructions.

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